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### Bremerton Gasworks Site

Share Your Ideas Sept, 18, 2012 about the EPA Community Involvement Plan and Washington State Public Health Assessment

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Washington State Department of Health will be in the Bremerton area on September 18, 2012 to talk with you and answer questions about the Bremerton Gasworks Superfund Site.

EPA is developing a Community Involvement Plan for the Bremerton Gasworks Site. The plan will describe how, when, and where EPA will provide information to the public. The plan will also show how the community can be actively and meaningfully involved in the cleanup process, and help shape cleanup decisions. Your input on these topics is crucial to developing a plan that meets the needs of the community affected by the site and EPA's work there.

At the same time, state health officials are preparing an initial Public Health Assessment, because cancer-causing substances and other hazardous contaminants have been found at and around the site. The assessment will use currently available data to determine if the site poses a public health threat and make any necessary recommendations to reduce exposures. The assessment will also identify whether additional data should be collected to evaluate potential health impacts.

EPA and Department of Health would like to hear your suggestions and address questions or concerns you may have about the site. If you are interested in being interviewed and giving input on the Community Involvement Plan or the Public Health Assessment, staff from both agencies will be available:

**September 18, 2012**  
**Olympic College**  
**1625 Chester Avenue**  
**Bremerton, WA 98337**  
**Humanities/Student Services Building**  
**Room HHS-218**

**We invite you to drop in any time:**  
**From 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**And 6:00 – 9:00 pm**

If you'd like to schedule a time to meet with us during these timeframes, please call one of the staff listed below.

**It is also possible to schedule a phone interview.** Contact Debra Sherbina, EPA, at [sherbina.debra@epa.gov](mailto:sherbina.debra@epa.gov) or 800-424-4372, extension 0247, or Erin Kochaniewicz, DOH, at [erin.kochaniewicz@doh.wa.gov](mailto:erin.kochaniewicz@doh.wa.gov) or 360-236-3358.

#### More Information

For technical information about the Bremerton Gasworks Superfund Site, contact Bill Ryan at [ryan.william@epa.gov](mailto:ryan.william@epa.gov) or 800-424-4372, extension 8561. Online, visit <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/sites/bremerton-gasworks>

For information about DOH's Public Health Assessment, contact Rhonda Kaetzel at [rhonda.kaetzel@doh.wa.gov](mailto:rhonda.kaetzel@doh.wa.gov) or 360-236-3357.

#### Site Description

The Bremerton Gasworks Site is located about a mile and a half from downtown Bremerton, Washington. It occupies land along the Port of Washington Narrows in Puget Sound. The site, a former coal gasification plant, is now used for commercial and industrial purposes. Sediments, soils, and groundwater at the site have been contaminated with polyaromatic hydrocarbons from tars associated with the gasification processes used at the former facility, along with heavy metals and benzene.

The Washington State Department of Ecology, EPA, Cascade Natural Gas, and the U.S. Coast Guard have been involved in assessments of the site as well as a limited beach cleanup. Contamination in beach sediments, upland soils, and groundwater may require cleanup well beyond actions taken to date.

#### Bremerton Gasworks Site Added to National Priorities List

Documents supporting the site listing can be viewed at the Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton, WA 98310, 360-405-9100, or the EPA Records Center, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, 206-553-4494 or online by visiting: <http://epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/current.htm>

For more information, please contact Debra Sherbina ([sherbina.debra@epa.gov](mailto:sherbina.debra@epa.gov)), Community Involvement Coordinator, 206-553-0247.

#### Site Contaminants

Sediments, soils, and groundwater at the site are contaminated with polyaromatic hydrocarbons from tars, along with heavy

#### Site Information

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##### Other Resources

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)
- Environmental Justice
- Regional Public Liaison  
 800-892-7609